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COUNTRY: BOLIVIA, UNITED STATES SUBJ: Bolivian Congress To Approve US Troops on Humanitarian Mission SOURCE: La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish 16 Dec 02 TEXT: FBIS Translated Text Chamber of Deputies President Guido Anez Moscoso has announced that tomorrow 17 December, the National Congress will authorize US military to enter the Bolivian Chaco region. "The Congress session will start at 0930. The central topic to be debated will be authorization for the entrance of US military", he announced. Anez also explained that the foreign soldiers would come to the country to provide humanitarian assistance to the population of the region, not for military training. The president of the Chamber of Deputies said that the US military are planning a series of activities related to the implementation of basic services, such as the drilling of water wells and the construction of schools, as well as other social activities. ARRIVAL The US military contingent will arrive in May 2003 and will stay for 15 to 20 days. The authorization for the foreign troops to enter the country will be discussed months beforehand to accelerate procedures in the US Congress, which must also approve the military's mission outside US territory. CONGRESS ACTIVITIES On the other hand, the president of the Chamber of Deputies explained that the National Congress would only hold three more sessions before the end-of-year recess. "After tomorrow's Congress session, we will continue debating the Bill on Good Governance and Trading Companies, until all pending points have been discussed. This means we should finish session number 60 on Thursday 19 December", he added. The Chamber of Deputies is not planning any supervision activities this week. Upon conclusion of session 60 on Thursday, the national representatives of this legislative instance will hold a recess until the first Monday of the second half of January 2003. Description of Source: La Paz El Diario (Internet Version-WWW) in Spanish -- Conservative newspaper THIS REPORT MAY CONTAIN COPYRIGHTED MATERIAL. COPYING AND DISSEMINATION IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE COPYRIGHT OWNERS.

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